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Attention Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) – Provider Type 17 Specialty 215

Effective January 10, 2014, Nevada Medicaid policy was updated to adopt the Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) program, which utilizes the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement level of care criteria for outpatient substance abuse services.

The following information provides details regarding the SAAM program to assist the new provider type 17 specialty 215 with online resources, requests for review for current clients and submission deadlines.

- A new billing guide and prior authorization form have been published for providers to reference. Please refer to the [Billing Guide for Provider Type 17 Specialty 215](#) and form [FA-11D Substance Abuse/Behavioral Health Authorization Request](#) online at www.medicaid.nv.gov.
- PT 17 Specialty Code 215 providers who have existing prior authorizations obtained under the PT 14 with certification end dates past January 10, 2014: HPES will be contacting you with the new PA tracking number for your PT 17 specialty 215 services that were previously authorized and are covered under both provider types. Please refer to the [Billing Guide for Provider Type 17 Specialty 215](#) and note that basic skills training (H2014), psychosocial rehabilitative services (H2017) and day treatment (H2012) are not covered services for provider type 17.
- During the initial transitional period, while providers should make every effort to submit their new requests per the timeliness guidelines, Nevada Medicaid will allow a relaxation of the timeliness requirements. Beginning March 1, 2014, providers will be accountable for submitting all requests for review timely. The authorization request timelines are specified in the [Billing Guide for Provider Type 17 Specialty 215](#).